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For : "Polymeric Articles Having a Textured Surface and Frosted Appearance"

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of non-Compliant Amendment mailed August 19, 2004, in response to the Office Action mailed April 1, 2004 setting a three-month period to respond. The response was filed on the first business day within four months of said Office Action. Applicant's have now changed the status identifier in claim 1 from "presently amended" to "currently amended". No other changes have been made to the Amendment as filed on August 2, 2004, and no new matter has been added.

Attached to the August 2, 2004 Amendment were the following:

- 1) A request and fee for a one month extension of time is attached.

- 2) A Beckman Coulter particle size analysis of Applicant's polymeric particles.
- 3) A Declaration entering comparative data and samples.
- 4) Dictionary Definitions of "opaque" and "frosted".
- 5) Fee transmittal form.
- 6) Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and fee.